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ONE A.M. SEVEN TWELVE LAST ALTHOUGH PARTY CONTINUED BEYOND THAT TIME. ABOUT TEN PERSONS PRESENT. BUT WIFE AND WOODS UNKNOWN TO REDDICK. BELIEVED THOSE PRESENT TO BE STUDENTS FROM LITTLE ROCK AREA. UNUSUAL AT PARTY WHILE REDDICK PRESENT. STATES NO EX DASH CESSIVE DRINKING, NO REFERENCE MADE TO BOMBING. RACIAL MATTERS OR INTERGRATION. WIFE AND WOODS KNOW ALL PERSONS AT PARTY. REDDICK AND WIFE DROVE TO PARTY IN WATSON CAR, NINETEEN FIFTY SIX FOUR DOOR CHEVROLET. LIGHT BROWN TOP AND CREAM BODY, AKRANSAS LICENSE, METAL SUN VISOR. UNABLE TO RECALL ROUTE TAKEN TO AND FROM PARTY SINCE THIS FIRST VISIT TO LITTLE ROCK BY REDDICK. STATES WIFE MÂY BE ABLE TO RECALL. ADVISED DROVE DIRECTLY TO AND FROM PARTY FROM WATSON RESIDENCE. NO SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY NOTED. ONLY REDDICK AND WIFE DID NOT SEE WHITE NINETEEN SIXTY FORD CAR REDDICK SAID FIRST KNOWLEDGE OF ORAOTHERS AT PARTY. BOMBING CAME ON CAR RADIO WHILE HE WAS EN ROUTE HOT

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ORIGINALLY SAID HE AND WIFE DRIVEN TO PARTY AND

HOME BY WOODS IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE BLACK FOUR

DOOR FORD, ARKANSAS LICENSE, WHITE SIDE WALL TIRES,

GOLD STRIPE ON SIDE OF CAR. LATER, IN INTERVIEW

REDDICK DENIED THIS ACCOUNT, STATING HE LIED SINCE HE DOES

NOT HAVE A DRIVERS LICENSE. STATED ALL OTHER

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Farm Bureau Building
Seventh and High Streets
Little Rock, Arkansas
July 12, 1960

BOMBING OF SCHOOL BOARD STORAGE BUILDING 1407 WEST 18TH STREET LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS JULY 12, 1960

Early on the morning of July 12, 1960, Little Rock Chief of Police ROBERT E. GLASSCOCK advised that an explosion had occurred at 1407 West 18th Street, Little Rock, at 2:20 a.m., on that date. Subsequent investigation by members of the Little Rock Police Department and Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflected, the following:

The building at 1407 West 18th Street, Little Rock, is a frame building approximately 40'x120', is a single story building with a high-pitched roof, and is covered with slate shingles. A charge of explosives of a high order had been placed about mid-way between the front and back of the building on the west side and the resulting explosion made a hole in the ground about three and one-half feet in diameter and approximately eight to ten inches deep. A hole was blown in the wall removing a few hundred of the slate shingles. There were no personal injuries.

The building is used by the Little Rock Public School District to store broken furniture and appliances and is infrequently entered by employees. It was noted that some of the windows of the building were open and some of them had been boarded up prior to the explosion. It was also noted that a Negro church is adjacent to the west side of the building, the same side on which the explosion occurred. There was some damage to adjacent property on the west south, and north sides consisting mostly of glass breakage.

Chief GLASSCOCK advised that this explosion was an effort to display antagonism toward integration in public schools in Little Rock.

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LETTIM FOOK, ARKANSAS, JULY 12, 1960
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Re telcall to Bureau, 7/12/60,

Enclosed to the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorated dated 7/12/60 and captioned "BOMBING OF SCHOOL BOARD STOKAGE BUILDING, 1407 WEST 18TH STREET, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, JULI 12, 1960," two copies of which are being furnished each continental office and one copy each to the USA and CIC, Little Rock.

The Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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Date July 25, 1960

MERVIN B. REDDICK, 2 Creston Park, Dorchester, Massachusetts, advised that he was recently laid off from his employment in Massachusetts and is currently vacationing in the Middle West. REDDICK stated he is at the present time visiting with a friend, LLOYD GREEN, 5414 South Ellis, Chicago, Illinois. REDDICK stated that following the termination of his employment, he traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas, arriving there on July 3, 1960. He stated that he, his wife and son visited at the residence of CARRIE WATSON, his wife's mother, 3722 West 17th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. REDDICK stated that he remained at that residence until July 15, 1960, at which time he left for Chicago. He stated that he was in Little Rock for the whole period from July 3 through 15, 1960, with the exception of a brief visit to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on July 12, 1960.

REDDICK advised that it had been his intention that his wife, VERL REDDICK, and his son would come to Chicago with him on July 15, 1960, however, his son became ill and upon the advice of a physician in Little Rock will stay at the WATSON residence until July 21, 1960, at which is me Mrs. REDDICK and the boy will fly to Dorchester, Massachusetts.

REDDICK stated that on Monday, July 11, 1960, he and his wife attended a party at the residence of WILLIE WOODS in Little Rock, whose address he cannot recall. He stated that they arrived at the party at approximately 9:15 p.m. and departed from the party some time after midnight, but before 1:00 a.m. on July 12, 1960. REDDICK stated though he left at this hour the party continued for a short period thereafter. REDDICK stated that about ten persons were present at the party and of these only his wife and WILLIE WOODS were known to him. He stated that it is his understanding that those present at the party were students at some school in the Little Rock area.

REDDICK stated that nothing of an unusual nature occurred at the party while he was present. He stated that he observed no incidents of excessive drinking and he knows that no references were made to bombings, explosions, racial

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matters, integration, etc., in his presence. He stated that while those in attendance are unknown to him he is confident that his wife and WILLIE WOODS would know the identities of all persons present.

REDDICK stated that he and his wife were picked up at the WATSON residence by WILLIE WOODS and were driven to the party in a 1959 black Ford, four door sedan, bearing Arkansas plates, white side wall tires and a gold strip on the car's side. This car REDDICK stated belonged to WILLIE WOODS. He stated that WOODS drove he and his wife directly to the party and also drove them back to the WATSON residence after they had left the party. REDDICK stated that only his wife and WOODS were present in the car both going to and returning from the party, and that nothing of an unusual nature was noted by him.

REDDICK stated that he did not see a 1960 white Ford on the night of the party nor did he notice the automobile of others at the party. He stated that his knowledge of the bombing at Little Rock came over the car radio the following day, July 12, 1960, while he was en route to Hot Springs, Arkansas for a brief visit.

REDDICK stated at this point that certain of the facts just furnished by him were not true and that he wished to clarify them. He pointed out that he and his wife were not driven to and from the party in question by WILLIE WOODS but rather he and his wife drove to and from the party in his car belonging to his wife's mother, CARRIE WATSON. He described this car as a 1956, four door, Chevrolet sedan with a light brown top and a gream body, bearing Arkansas license plates and a metal sunvisor above the windshield. REDDICK stated that only he and his wife were in the automobile both going to and returning from the party. He repeated that during the course of this trip they observed nothing of an unusual nature.

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REDDICK explained that he had lied in his original statement but he had done so because he does not have an automobile operators license. He stated that the latter version is true and since he has corrected this all of the details as furnished by him are accurate. REDDICK advised that he does not recall the routes taken to and from the party since this washis first visit to Little Rock, Arkansas. He stated that his wife maybe able to recall the routes taken. He added that he knows that they drove directly to and from the party from the WATSON residence.

REDDICK stated that he has no knowledge of the bombing in Little Rock nor is he able to recall any further information concerning the bombing in question.

SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-100)

July 28, 1960

WSAC, CHICAGO (157-53)

UNSUBS; Bombing of School Board Storage Building, 1407 West 18th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 7/12/60 BOMBING MATTERS

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Submitted herewith are 9 copies of FD 302 setting forth details of interview of MERVIN B. REDDICK on July 18, 1960.

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